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Rules of the Bow Wong Association Tell True Import Of The Clique.

So far the Bow Wong Progressive Association has gotten no charter from the Hawaiian government. The lawyers for the Chinese cabal which seeks to gain the countenance of the law have asked for delay in action by the Executive Council. It seems hardly possible in view of the fearful record of Chinese secret societies which has been brought to the Council's notice, that a charter will be granted to this latest candidate for power.

No one who is familiar with the workings and methods of these Asiatic factions believes it would be anything but suicidal to the peace of the community to invite here the conditions which have made bloody history in San Francisco's Chinese colony for decades past and which now are taxing all the strength and wits of the police there.

Representatives of the Chinese government stationed here have made strong efforts to lay the truth before the Council. They foresee the menace which such a precedent as the chartering of the Bow Wong Association would be to the growth of Honolulu's large Asiatic business and the opportunities it would afford for the introduction of those criminal practices which are closely allied with Chinese secret cliques.

The Kuklux Klan, Molly Maguires, Whitecaps and other intriguing groups which have vexed the officers of the law in the United States and made murder common where they flourished, have not equalled in the extent of their villainy the Chinese tongs which now control San Francisco's Mongolian population.

A careful reading of the rules and regulations of the Bow Wong Association discloses the card up Ah Sing's sleeve. The injunction in the last two lines of article four as given below is the keynote to the whole document.

"IF ANYONE DO ANY HARM OR INJURY TO OUR BROTHERS WE MUST RETALIATE THE SAME, ETC."

This is the command which in every organization planned for however good a purpose, has given the murderer his excuse for his deeds. So O'Donnell who killed Carey, the informer reasoned, the men who murdered Dr. Cronin in Chicago had the same words in their mouths. Ask any Chinese captured in the very commission of murder in San Francisco, what his motive was, and he will say, "Our brother was injured and we retaliated."

The translation of the rules of the Bow Wong Association given here was made in the Chinese Consulate. These rules give a plain insight into the methods of the union. The lines italicized evince the cunning of those who drew the regulations. "Certain necessary measures of reform" are to be adopted. At the best the association claims no better object than to foment a revolution against the reigning powers of China. Even the casual observer would ask the purpose of raising the great sums of money contemplated in the lines of article six which say "members may subscribe 10,000 shares" at \$2 each.

Further down in the same article it says, "members may use fictitious names." What good motive could urge a society to permit such secret membership? Those Chinese who are best informed and who have the welfare of their countrymen at heart put the matter this wise:

"Doubtless there are some honest men backing the Bow Wong Association. But they are misled. Suppose it is organized to promote the interests of the deposed emperor. Tomorrow a similar organization in the Queen Dowager's interest will spring up. Perhaps later on for the making of China into a republic. We will have a fierce war here. These societies will split and fight among themselves. I predict that, if these societies are chartered, Honolulu will see the same state of things as exists in San Francisco. All these societies have the same high-sounding titles. All make the same professions at their inception. The real objects appear later. Each one in a municipality is a constant source of trouble and crime."

The following is the translation of the Bow Wong rules as made in the Consulate:

Article I—Our main reason in the organization of this union is that on the 29th day of the seventh month in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of Kwang Si (August, 1895) a certain confidential communication was duly received from His Imperial Majesty through Councillor Yang Jui giving royal instructions to all those patriots of the country to organize a party so as to devise and take certain necessary measures for the support of His Imperial Majesty, who so loves his country and his subjects that we ought to exert ourselves to the best of our ability to carry out his instructions.

Article II—The organization of this union formed thus: We, members of this union, under the present critical situation of our country, shall do our best to adopt certain necessary measures of reform, so as to save China from destruction and to faithfully support our illustrious Emperor to rule a country of many millions of his subjects. This Union is properly and rightly termed. When our country is tranquil or criti-

cal our property must be in the same situation. When His Imperial Majesty is protected our country may be protected, and when our country is thus protected our property may be protected, and therefore we, brothers, ought to exert our energies in this matter. This Union was first organized in British Columbia, Canada, Vancouver and Victoria. In America—San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Butte City, Helena, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Spokane, Ogden; in Japan, Saitama, Saitama; in Siam, etc., and then in Honolulu. Our patriotic actions are well known to all everywhere and now it is high time for us to do our best to publicly organize the patriotic Union for the best interests of our country, etc.

Article III—Officers: This Union shall have its head office in Honolulu and its branch offices in different islands. It shall be the duty of the officers of the head office of Honolulu to communicate with those of foreign ports and those of the head office in China in reference to business matters of the Society. The officers of the head department of Honolulu shall be one president, several vice presidents, secretaries, trustees and advisory committees. They shall be selected from members of this Union. Orators shall be appointed to speak on the political situation of the country. They shall have the management of the business of the society. All matters of importance shall be submitted for the approval of the president and vice presidents of the Home Society in China and it shall be their duties to record and recommend (to the Emperor) the meritorious acts and abilities of all reformers, etc.

Article IV—Any person who so loves his own country may be admitted as member of this Union. All members are brothers, no matter whether they are rich or poor, old or young. The initiation fee shall be two dollars, Hawaiian currency, which shall be used for the support and maintenance of this Union. Members may subscribe ten thousand shares towards this Union (if they choose to do it). Those who desire to join as members may go to the head office at Honolulu to enlist their names from 9 a. m. to noon and 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. daily. Those who are in other parts of the Islands may go to the managing officers at the nearest places. Those who do not wish to use their own names may use fictitious names, etc. Certificates of membership shall be given to each member stating name of such member. These certificates shall be made out in triplicate by regular members under the seals of the society and those of presidents. The original one shall be given to the member, the duplicate to be kept in the Honolulu head office, and the triplicate to be sent to the Home Society in China. Those who have been admitted as members are termed "brothers." They ought to love each other as brothers from the same parents, so as to exert themselves to take necessary steps in regard to political affairs of the country. If any one do any harm or injury to our brothers we must retaliate the same, etc.

Article V—Fees and Expenditures: Initiation fees shall be paid to the persons appointed for collection every Saturday and they shall pay the same to the Treasurer. Managing officers shall receive no remuneration except the secretary, and travelling expenses shall be paid to those who are appointed as orators to proceed to other Islands. All the money after deducting all expenses here shall be remitted to the Home Society in China for safe keeping in the banks.

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